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# Planning Commission Staff Report

TO: PLANNING COMMISSION

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**MEETING DATE:** NOVEMBER 5, 2014

SUBJECT: UP14-10, WARNER AND POWER SENIOR LIVING: A CONDITIONAL

USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A CONGREGATE CARE FACILITY FOR APPROXIMATELY 19.7 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WEST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF POWER AND WARNER

ROADS IN THE GENERAL OFFICE (GO) ZONING DISTRICT.

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:** Community Livability

To allow a full service congregate care facility within the General Office zoning district.

#### **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

Make the Findings of Fact and Approve UP14-10 Warner and Power Senior Living: A request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a congregate care facility in the General Office (GO) zoning district, on 19.7 acres located at west of the southwest corner of Power and Warner Roads.

## APPLICANT/OWNER

Company: Village Care Partners, LLC Company: Phoenix Warner, LLC/ETAL

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## **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

### History

Date Action

September 26, 2006 Town Council annexed 20 acres at Warner Road and 181st Street

Alignment under Ordinance No. 1823.

December 5, 2006 Town Council adopted Ordinance No. 1874 rezoning 20 acres of property

from Maricopa County Rural – 43 to Town of Gilbert Light Industrial with

a Planned Area Development Overlay.

September 3, 2014 Planning Commission reviewed GP14-09, Z14-19 and UP14-10 at study

session to discuss the requested change to accommodate a congregate care

facility.

October 1, 2014 Planning Commission heard GP14-09 and Z14-19 and recommended to

Town Council approval (7-0 vote) of the project.

October 30, 2014 Town Council will consider GP14-09 and Z14-19 at a public hearing.

#### Overview

The project is located on the south side of Warner Road west of Power Road. The property is on the dividing line between Light Industrial zoning and residential zoning/uses. The owner believes that a congregate care facility is an ideal transition between industrial uses and large lot residential homes.

**Surrounding Land Use & Zoning Designations:** 

	<b>Existing Land Use Classification</b>	<b>Existing Zoning</b>
North	Light Industrial	Light Industrial PAD
South	Light Industrial	Light Industrial PAD
East	Light Industrial	Light Industrial
West	Residential >1-2 DU/Acres and	Single Family – 15, Maricopa County Rural -
	Residential >5-8 DU/Acres	43 and AD-3
Site	Light Industrial	Light Industrial PAD
	Pending GP14-09 to	Pending Z14-19 to
	General Office (GO)	General Office (GO)

**Project Data Table** - No modifications to the development standards were requested with the

rezoning (Conventional zoning development standards).

<b>Development Standards</b>	GO Development Standards
Height	55'/3 story
Step Back	Yes. A building within 100' of residential needs a building step- back of 1' for every 1' of building height above 2 stories or 35' in height
Front Building Setback	25'
Side Building Setback to Residential	30'
Side Building Setback to Collector Street	20'
Rear Building Setback to Non-Residential	20'
Front Landscape Setback	25'
Side Landscape Setback to Residential	30'
Side Landscape Setback to Collector Street	20'
Rear Landscape Setback to Non-Residential	20'
Parking	0.5 per bed or unit 147 required, 642 provided (the large parking count is to accommodate the resident's active life style and desire to retain their vehicles.

The applicant proposes a congregate care campus for a continuum of senior care and living. The proposed development consist of 36 beds of Memory Care and 64 beds of assisted living within the three-story buildings; 123 units of full service Independent Living within the three story building with the parking garage (½ story ventilation). In between the Independent Living buildings are two 4,000 square foot dining hall/activity centers connected by 10 foot wide corridors.

Directly off of the round-a-bout is the age restricted Supportive Living. There are four of these buildings proposed, each with 41 units. The applicant anticipates that each senior apartment and independent unit will be equipped with an emergency call button and touch screen communication. The emergency systems are linked directly to the nurse's station in the main Assisted Living building. Meals, housekeeping, healthcare and transportation services are available to the senior apartment residents on a fee basis.

The 9,000 square foot fitness center/clubhouse will have a heated pool and spa and be available to all residents. The 18 hole putting golf amenity meanders through the center of the project and will be available 7 days a week for no additional cost to the residents.

The 66.8 million dollar project is expected to create 68-72 jobs permanent part time and full time jobs.

The project is proposed to be two phases. The first phase will include Building 1 (Assisted Living and Memory Care), Building 4 (Independent Living), Building 5 (Independent Living), Building 7 (Senior Apartments), Building 8 (Senior Apartments), the freestanding single story garages, a portion of the golf amenity and the Clubhouse/Fitness Center with Amenities. All at grade parking, driveways, street improvements and landscape (not directly adjacent to Phase II buildings) will be constructed as part of Phase I. Phase II will include Building 2 (Senior Apartments), Building 3 (Independent Living with Dining Hall), Building 6 (Senior Apartments) and the remaining portion of the golf amenity. The amenities and landscape directly surrounding the Phase II buildings will not be constructed until Phase II.

### PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND INPUT

A notice of public hearing was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town, and an official notice was posted in all the required public places within the Town.

Staff has received no comment since the neighborhood meeting.

A neighborhood meeting was held on June 3, 2014. Approximately 20 people attended. Many of the neighbors supported the proposed use. Some had the following concerns:

- Height of buildings at 3 story to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  stories adjacent (the half story is unoccupied parking garage ventilation) to residential that is limited to 2 story. (the concern was addressed by moving the buildings east, away from the west property line.)
- Concern that the congregate care will devalue the adjacent industrial property by limiting the uses allowed due to residential proximity.
- Concern that the residents of the care facility will be impacted by the Light Industrial uses and potential noise.
- Concern that the congregate care will devalue the custom homes yet to be constructed to the west because it is a commercial use.
- Buffering between the care facility and the residences. (An 8' wall is required by the LDC with a non-deciduous tree line.)

#### **PROPOSITION 207**

An agreement to "Waive Claims for Diminution in Value" Pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-1134 was signed by the landowners of the subject site, in conformance with Section 5.201 of the town of Gilbert Land Development Code. This waiver is located in the case file.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Move to make the findings of fact and approve UP14-10 Warner and Power Senior Living, a Conditional Use Permit to allow a congregate Care facility on 19.7 acres of property located at west of the southwest corner of Power and Warner Roads within the General Office (GO) zoning district, subject to conditions:

1. The Project shall be in substantial conformance with the Site Plan and Phasing Plan shown on Attachment No. 4 and Attachment No. 5.

# Respectfully submitted,

Amy Temes Senior Planner

# **Attachments and Enclosures:**

- Findings of Fact
   Notice of Public Hearing
- 3. Aerial Photo
- 4. Site Plan
- 5. Phasing Plan

UP14-09: Warner Power Senior Living Attachment 1 -Findings of Fact November 5, 2014

# FINDINGS OF FACT UP14-10 WARNER POWER SENIOR LVING CAMPUS

Staff provides the following findings of facts, subject to the conditions of approval provided below, to substantiate approval of the project:

- 1. The proposed use will not be detrimental to health, safety, or general welfare of persons living or working in the vicinity, to adjacent property, to the neighborhood, or to the public in general;
- 2. The proposed use conforms with the purposes, intent, and policies of the General Plan and its policies and any applicable area, neighborhood, or other plan adopted by the Town Council;
- 3. The proposed use conforms with the conditions, requirements, or standards required by the Zoning Code and any other applicable local, State, or Federal requirements; and
- 4. The proposed use, as conditioned, would not unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of nearby properties.

UP14-09: Warner Power Senior Living

Attachment 2 - NOPH November 5, 2014

# Notice of Public Hearing

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION DATE:**

Wednesday, November 5, 2014\* TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Gilbert Municipal Center, Council Chambers

50 E. Civic Center Drive

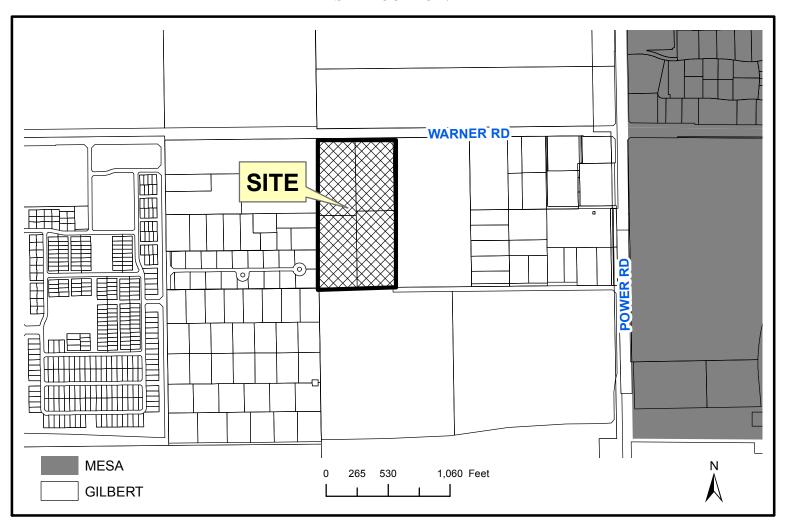
\* Call Planning Department to verify date and time: (480) 503-6700

#### **REQUESTED ACTION:**

UP14-10 Warner and Power Senior Living: Request to approve a Conditional Use Permit for approximately 19.7 acres of real property located west of the southwest corner of Power and Warner Roads to allow a congregate care facility in the General Office (GO) zoning district.

\* The application is available for public review at the Town of Gilbert Development Services division Monday - Thursday 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Staff reports are available the Monday prior to the meeting at http://www.gilbertaz.gov/departments/development-services/planning-development/planning-commission

#### **SITE LOCATION:**



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UP14-09: Warner Power Senior Living Attachment 3 - Aerial November 5, 2014



